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TO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: C-130 PROGRAM IN LIBYA

1. ON NOVEMBER 21, DEPT AGAIN INFORMED LOCKHEED THAT ITS REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE TO SHIP C-130 TO LIBYA WAS STILL "UNDER CONSIDERATION".

2. ON SAME DAY, LOCKHEED SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN TRIPOLI FOR DELIVERY TO COLONEL FERJANI: QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, LOCKHEED INITIALLY SUBMITTED AN EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON OCTOBER ONE 1973 FOR YOUR INITIAL FOUR C-130HS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT UNDER CONTRACTS GLX-221 AND 223. FOLLOWING SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT A FIRM DECISION WOULD NOT BE MADE IN THE NEAR TERM AND COULD BE DELAYED INDEFINITELY. WE ELECTED TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE RESPONSE BY REDUCING THE REQUEST FOR ONE C-130H ON NOVEMBER FOURTEEN 1973 AND STATED OUR REASONS IN THE COVER LETTER TO THIS APPLICATION. TO DATE THE ONLY RESPONSE WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS THAT THE APPLICATION CONTINUES TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE MUST CONCLUDE

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THAT A DECISION IS BEING DELAYED UNTIL A FIRM U.S. GOVERN-

MENT POLICY IS ESTABLISHED. LOCKHEED WILL TENDER DELIVERY OF THIS FIRST AIRCRAFT AND RELATED PARTS ON NOVEMBER THIRTY 1973 AT MARIETTA CMA GEORGIA. LOCKHEED RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE SEVENTEEN OF THE CONTRACT THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC ACCEPT SUCH DELIVERIES AND STORE THE AIRCRAFT AND PARTS AT MARIETTA PENDING A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECISION. LOCKHEED WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WE SUGGEST THAT THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC INITIATE LIKE EFFORTS THROUGH ITS OWN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. END QUOTE.

3. LOCKHEED HAS ALSO INFORMED LARG EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT COMPANY IS PREPARED TO TENDER FIRST AIRCRAFT ON NOVEMBER 30 AND HAS OFFERED TO FLY LARG EMBASSY REPS TO MARIETTA TO ACCEPT DELIVERY. ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED, LARG EMBASSY SAID IT WOULD FIRST HAVE TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM TRIPOLI. KISSINGER

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